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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER BORGONOVO'S MEETING WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER
IN SAN JOSE

1. A NOTETAKER WAS PRESENT DURING THE BILATERAL AND I WOULD
APPRECIATE RECEIVING A COPY OF HIS NOTES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. DURING THE MEETING FONMIN BORGONOVO EXPLAINED THE POPULATION
DENSITY AND PRESSURE, AND THE NEED FOR DEVELOPING LABOR INTENSIVE
INDUSTRIES FOH EXPORT, AS PART OF EL SALVADOR'S DEVELOPMENT PLAN.
SINCE EL SALVADOR IS JUST NOW IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING
EXPORT INDUSTRIES AND DOES NOT HAVE A HISTORICAL BASE, I
EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE U.S. WOULD BE AS FLEXIBLE AS
POSSIBLE IN PERMITTING IMPORTATIONS. SPECIFICALLY, IMPORT
FLEXIBILITY MAY BE NEEDED ON TEXTILES, MEAT AND SHRIMP. THESE
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WILL BE HANDLED INDIVIDUALLY THROUGH THE USUAL CHANNELS. THE

FORMIN WANTED TO MAKE THE POINT THAT EL SALVADOR WILL HAVE TO EXPORT TO CONTINUE IMPORTING NEEDED PRODUCTS FROM THE U.S.

3. ON THE OAS REFORM THE FONMINISTER'S ATTITUDE WAS POSITIVE BUT IT IS UNCERTAIN THAT THE GOES WILL GO ALONG WITH SUPPORTING THE ELIMINATION OF THE PERMANENT OAS REPRESENTATIVES. I WILL CONTINUE TO WORK ON THIS.

4. FON MIN BORGONOVO BROUGHT UP THE PROBLEM OF NORMALIZING RELATIONS WITH HONDURAS. HE RELATED SOME OF THE BACKGROUND, EMPHASIZING AGAIN POPULATION PRESSURES. HE BROUGHT THE SECRETARY UP-TO-DATE ON THE BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS, INCLUDING THE MEETING OF CHIEFS OF STATE MOLINA AND MELGAR, THE FOREIGN MINISTERS AND OTHERS, ON THE PREVIOUS DAY, FEB. 23 (SAN SALVADOR 0982), AND STATE THAT HE PERSONALLY WAS OPTIMISTIC THAT A PROCEDURE COULD BE WORKED OUT TO NORMALIZE THE SITUATION. DURING THE COSTA RICA MEETING IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT BOTH FOREIGN MINISTERS WERE EXTREMELY SENSITIVE TO THE WHOLE QUESTION OF "OUTSIDE PRESSURES" BEING BROUGHT ON BEAR ON THE TWO PARTIES INVOLVED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. IN MY OPINION, THIS "POLITICAL SENSITIVITY" WAS THE MOTIVE BEHIND HAVING THE PREVIOUSLY PLANNED MEETING OF THE CHIEFS OF STATE PRIOR TO THE COSTA RICA MEETING WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER. FON MIN BORGONOVO AND FON MIN PERDOMO REMAINED IN COSTA RICA AN ADDITIONAL DAY TO CONTINUE THEIR BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS.

5. AFTER THE BILATERAL AND BEFORE THE LUCHEON I REJOINED THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE GOES REPRESENTATIVES IN HIS SUITE. I STATED THAT IN MY OPINION THE MEETING HAD GONE WELL. THE FON MIN EXPRESSED HIS SATISFACTION AND STATED THE MEETING HAD BEEN PROFITABLE AND THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER'S VISIT CONFIRMED THAT THE U.S. WAS GIVING MORE ATTENTION TO LATIN AMERICA. FON MIN BORGONOVO CONFIRMED THIS WHEN INTERVIEWED BY THE PRESS ON HIS RETURN TO EL SALVADOR. ALSO, IN REPLY TO A QUESTION HE STATED THAT THE 30 MINUTE INTERVIEW HAD BEEN SUFFICIENT TO DISCUSS THE URGENT PROBLEMS OF THIS COUNTRY AND THE MEETING HAD BEEN PRODUCTIVE. SINCE THEIR RETURN I HAVE CONFIRMED THE ABOVE WITH AMBASSADOR BERTRAND GALINDO AND

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FOREIGN MINISTER BORGONOVO. IN MY OPINION, THE COSTA RICA MEETING AND THE SECRETARY'S L.A. TRIP ENDED ON A VERY UPBEAT, POSITIVE NOTE. WE MUST NOW FOLLOW THROUGH. CAMPBELL

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